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type of concerns as far as whether it is noninvasive or not, this is totally noninvasive. Thank you, Senator Byars.

SENATOR BYARS: Thank you, Senator.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Hilgert. Senator Beutler, on the committee amendments.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Senator Byars, just a question or two just to try to advance my understanding a little bit. I was interested in your exchange with Senator Wehrbein. Obviously, on one level, if this is long-term cost-effective for the Medicaid program, that may be decisive. However, another aspect of this, at least from my...in making my judgements about this, has to do with the population as a whole and what they are getting, what they are paying for, what their expectation is, and then over here the Medicaid people, who are actually being funded by this population as a whole, and to the extent that the children of the poor are going to be getting more than the children in the general population, if that were true, would be a matter of concern to me. So I assume that then most of the people in this general population, the middle class and above, are covered by insurance. What was not quite clear to me from your exchange with Senator Wehrbein, do most insurance policies, that people in Nebraska have, cover that screening to get to the answer to the question of whether most middle class and upper class kids are covered by this type of thing right now? Are they or aren't they? Are we giving the Medicaid kids something that the rest of the kids don't have, or are we giving the Medicaid kids something that's catching them up with the rest of the kids?

SENATOR CUDABACK: Would you yield to a question, Senator Byars?

SENATOR BYARS: Thank you, Senator Cudaback. It is our intention that you will have the rest of the population catch up with the Medicaid kids. The Medicaid kids, even though only high-risk are being tested now, and not all of them, they are getting some testing. There is some...there is some...are some insurance contracts, under ERISA and some other private contracts, where newborn hearing screening is included in the contract at this point. With the amendment that we will offer, that I will offer after the committee amendment, we will make